


Remarks:

Reconsideration of this application in view of the above-specified amendments and following remarks (as well as the remarks made in connection with Applicant's previous Amendment filed on November 9, 2006) is respectfully requested. Claims 1-3, 5-26 and 28 are currently pending. Claims 4, 22, 27 and 29 have been cancelled. Claims 1-3, 5-21, 25, 26 and 28 presently stand rejected for the reasons of record. Claims 22-24 have been objected to for the reasons of record. Claims 2, 3, 12, 14, 15, 23, and 24 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

For purposes of clarity, Applicant addresses the Examiner's concerns relating to the proper status identifiers associated with the claims. More specifically, Applicant has corrected all of the offending status identifiers such that all of the claims are now properly identified and in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121.

In view of the above remarks and claim amendments allowance of claims 1-3, 5-26 and 28 is earnestly solicited. A good faith effort has been made to place this application in condition for allowance. If any further matter requires attention prior to allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (206) 568-3100 to resolve the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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